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"I am writing to provide comments to the FCC on the E-Rate NPRM, proceeding 13-184.

As an educator in K-12 for 25 years, I am able to compare teaching and learning prior to having Internet access to teacher and learning WITH Internet access. Without E-Rate funding, my school district would not have been able to provide Internet to teachers and students. With access to the Internet, I could provide my students with relevant and up-to-date learning resources. We used the Web to research and connect with other classrooms. Currently, I teach pre-service teachers in Kentucky. I have observed a trend toward one-to-one computing and BYOD initiatives, but I have also observed that schools often do not have the infrastructure or band-width to be able to support this level of technology integration. We have made a lot of progress toward redesigning classroom environments to meet the needs of 21st century learners, but the next step is to be able to put technology in the hands of EVERY student. We can't go backwards after making so much progress. Please continue to provide and increase the E-Rate funding to schools and libraries. The future of our children depends on their access to high quality digital materials and learning opportunities that take them beyond the classroom.

Respectfully,
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